

Office of Governor Mitch Daniels

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Weekly Update

Thirty-three Hoosiers receive awards at the 38th Annual Indiana Black Expo Governor's Reception

July 15, 2008 – Thirty-three education, business and community leaders from across the state were recognized for their accomplishments at the Indiana Black Expo, Inc. 38th Annual Summer Celebration (IBE) Governor's Reception.

"I look forward to this event every year as it heralds the arrival of one of the great occasions of our state, the Indiana Black Expo," said Governor Mitch Daniels. "This is a great time to pay homage to the best among us, to people who have led lives of excellence and example, both professional and moral."

Award recipients were selected by the governor in collaboration with the Minority and Women's Business Enterprises division of the Indiana Department of Administration. Governor Daniels, Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman and IBE CEO Tanya Bell presented the awards at a ceremony at the State House.

Twenty-eight individuals received the Governor's Award for Achievement for excellence and service in the fields of education, business, technology, health and religion. Five individuals received specialized awards for leadership and community service.

Awardees included Arthur Carter, Dr. Gohar Azam Salam, Quentin Smith, Pamela Decker, Dr. Willie Reed, Dr. R. Drew Smith, Hana Stith, Donte Adams, Cornelius Harper, Clarence Lyles, Dr. Hilton Hudson, Dr. Sophia Janjua Khan, Dr. Steve Simpson, Clara Walton, Rev. Raymond C. Dix Jr., Rev. Fitzhugh Lyons, Imam Michael 'Mikal' Saahir, Brother Roy Smith, Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith, Maurice E. Coates Jr., Roosevelt Haywood III, Adell Means, Deb Oatts, Bill Brooks, Anthony Calhoun, Tamika Catchings, Tarik Glenn, Milton Thompson, Reginald and Tracey Jones, Sister Jane Nesmith, Alpha Blackburn and Don Thompson.

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July 15, 2008- WISH-TV's Anthony Calhoun, an Evansville native, received the Achievement in Motion Award at the 38th Annual Indiana Black Expo Summer Celebration Governor's Reception at the State House.



July 15, 2008—Governor Daniels presented Indiana Fever star Tamika Catchings with an Achievement in Motion Award at the 38th Annual Indiana Black Expo Summer Celebration Governor's Reception. Catchings is an Olympic Gold Medalist and five-time WNBA All Star for the Fever.

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Storm recovery help continues with new Office of Disaster Recovery



July 7, 2008 – Governor Mitch Daniels has created the Office of Disaster Recovery to lead the state's efforts to repair and rebuild following the series of storms that struck much of Indiana in late May and early June. Andy Miller, the director of the state Department of Agriculture, will be assigned to manage the activities of the office.

"We have to do as competent a job of helping victims and communities recover as Hoosiers did responding to the immediate dangers of the disaster," said Daniels. "We don't want a single person or town to miss a deadline or an opportunity to receive assistance for which they're eligible."

Deadlines for individual and public assistance are approaching. Many people referred to the Small Business Administration by the Federal Emergency Management Agency have not returned their loan applications. The deadline to do so is August 11. Likewise, public assistance deadlines for the first 26 counties approved for that category of assistance are July 21.

Daniels has signed [Executive Order 08-15](#) to create the office, which will represent the governor in coordinating state agency storm relief efforts with the federal government as well as with other public and private entities and local governments.

Efforts will focus on long-term recovery plans and policies for:

- Obtaining the maximum amount of federal funds for recovery and rebuilding efforts by individuals, businesses, state agencies, and local units of government
- Exercising the necessary operational authority in recovery effort decisions on behalf of the state.
- Providing technical assistance, education and outreach to local governments and private organizations working on recovery efforts at the community level

Developing a final report to the governor on the response and recovery efforts including recommendations for the future based on lessons learned during this experience.

While Miller is on assignment, the governor has named Ken Klemme, the deputy director of the Department of Agriculture, to serve as acting director.

There is no fixed timeframe for the operations of the office. The Indiana Office of Disaster Recovery is similar to one in Mississippi created to help the state rebuild after Hurricane Katrina struck in 2005.

Shortly after the severe weather struck the state, Daniels directed that the state establish "one-stop" disaster assistance centers in areas most affected by storms and flooding. Those centers, the first of their kind, put storm victims directly in touch with needed state services such as the Family and Social Services Administration, Department of Workforce Development, Bureau of Motor Vehicles and others, under one roof. In most locations, the state co-located with the American Red Cross and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Did you know...

...new pictures are added to Governor Daniels' photo gallery every week? [Click here](#) for more!

Governor Daniels Presents Nickel Plate Trail with Grant

July 12, 2008 -- Governor Mitch Daniels formally presented a state trails grant in the amount of \$900,000 to Nickel Plate Trail, Inc., during a ceremony along the trail. The grant, which was announced earlier this year, is part of the *Hoosiers on the Move* statewide trails plan.

In May, the governor announced a one-time distribution of \$19 million in new investment directed to 28 projects for 104 miles of new trails, including portions of the Nickel Plate Trail. The \$19 million is in addition to the \$20 million the state invests annually in trails funding as a part of the *Hoosiers on the Move* initiative.

Currently the state system includes about 400 miles of multi-use trails. The 10-year plan calls for every Hoosier to be within 15 minutes of a trail.

The Nickel Plate Trail is a 38-mile trail on a railroad corridor in Howard, Miami, and Fulton Counties. It is the second longest rail trail project in Indiana behind the Cardinal Greenway.

Governor Daniels Makes Stops in Allen, Huntington Counties

July 12, 2008— Governor Mitch Daniels was no stranger to Northeast Indiana this past weekend. He began his morning in Fort Wayne at the Three Rivers Festival Parade, stopped in Huntington County for the 4-H Western Horse Show, and ended his day in Bunker Hill to attend a ceremony along the Nickel Plate Trail.

Despite some rainy weather, Governor Daniels rode his 2004 Harley-Davidson Dyna Low Rider alongside members of the Patriot Guard Riders in the Fort Wayne parade.

After the parade, the governor rode south to Huntington County, where he visited with members of the Huntington County 4-H Club during the Western Horse Show at the Chief LaFontaine Saddle Club.



July 12, 2008 – Governor Daniels and residents of Bunker Hill took a walk along the Nickel Plate Trail. The Governor was in Bunker Hill to present a check of \$900,000 for the trail.



July 12, 2008 – Governor Daniels rode his 2004 Harley-Davidson Dyna Low Rider and was joined by Patriot Guard Riders at this year's Three Rivers Festival Parade in Fort Wayne.

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Reminder: Hoosiers living in the 40 counties approved for FEMA individual assistance must apply by August 11. Visit www.emergency.in.gov for more information.

A Look Ahead...

...This week Governor Daniels will visit Evansville, Columbus, Peru, Rochester and Culver.